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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

09-CR-30-01/02-GZS

July 8, 2009

8:20 a.m.

EDWARD BROWN and ELAINE BROWN

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Day 7 Morning Session EXCERPT OF TRANSCRIPT OF TRIAL BEFORE THE HONORABLE GEORGE Z. SINGAL and a jury

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1 IN CHAMBERS 2 THE COURT: Mr. Iacopino, you've had an 3 opportunity to talk to your client? 4 MR. IACOPINO: I have twice, your Honor. 5 THE COURT: Pardon me? 6 MR. IACOPINO: I have twice. THE COURT: Is he ready to proceed? 7 MR. IACOPINO: He is ready. Yesterday he 8 9 indicated that he believes he would be able to follow the judge's instructions. I will report to you though 10 11 this morning he's rather agitated. THE COURT: We'll do the best we can. We'll 12 try to give him as fair a trial as he allows us to do. 13 14 MR. IACOPINO: Your Honor, in fairness, I 15 do -- the government represented they have about ten more minutes of cross-examination. I do intend to 16 17 redirect. 18 THE COURT: I'm not going to hold the 19 government to the ten minutes, and you certainly can 20 redirect after Mr. Lange has an opportunity. 21 Number two, Mr. Lange, at some point when you 22 do decide whether your client is going to testify, if 23 she's not going to testify let me know so I can make sure on the record that she understands her rights with 24 25 regard to her testimony.

1 MR. LANGE: I will need to speak to her 2 briefly. 3 THE COURT: Anytime. I just wanted to remind 4 me and you in that regard. 5 Finally, with regard to a couple of potential 6 witnesses, I think of Mr. Lange, is Christine Arvizu; is 7 that correct? 8 MR. LANGE: Yes, your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Of White River Junction, New 10 Hampshire? MR. LANGE: Of Vermont. 11 THE COURT: Vermont? 12 MR. HUFTALEN: It's right across the river 13 14 from Lebanon. 15 THE COURT: And Sean Farnsworth of Rumney, New 16 Hampshire? 17 MR. LANGE: Yes, sir. THE COURT: Those were late additions after we 18 went through jury selection. 19 20 MR. LANGE: They were. 21 THE COURT: I'm going to ask the jury if any 22 of them know them. If any of them do, we may have an 23 issue because even though I preliminarily agreed to let them go, if we are going to have a problem, they may be 24 25 out.

1 MR. LANGE: I understand. 2. THE COURT: Anything else, counsel? Go ahead. 3 MR. HUFTALEN: Yes. Last night I received an 4 e-mail at 8:35 from Inspector LaBier who's the case 5 agent for this case informing me that some posts appeared on the Newhampshireunderground.com log site or 6 7 website. Those posts appear to indicate that Kat, with 8 a K, Kanning, with a K, who's a fairly vocal supporter 9 of the Browns and who I'm told was in court yesterday is 10 attempting to ascertain the identity of one of the 11 jurors. There were comments asking whether or not it is a security person in this courthouse, some posts in 12 13 response to that with a photograph, which I didn't see, 14 but her response is, okay, thanks but that's not him. 15 I think it may be the security person in Keene. Given the history of this case and the threats 16 17 that have been made against a number of people and public comments which are not part of the record, and 18 19 I'm not trying to put them in the trial record here, by 20 Mr. Brown concerning the jurors in the last trial, I'm 21 extremely concerned. 22 I did two minutes' worth of research this 23 morning of First Circuit law with respect to anonymous 24 juries, and I don't know what the Court's options are, 25 but if there's a way to order that the identities of the 1 jurors which have not yet been made public remain

2 anonymous for a certain period of years, I think it

- 3 would be prudent to do.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to get
- 5 counsel on both sides to think about that, government.
- 6 MR. IACOPINO: I didn't understand one thing
- 7 that Mr. Huftalen said. You said something about it
- 8 being Keene?
- 9 MR. HUFTALEN: I will give you the copy of the
- 10 posts and you can look at that.
- 11 THE COURT: Counsel, put together whatever
- 12 authority you'd like in this regard and I will talk to
- 13 you tomorrow morning with regard to where we go on that
- 14 issue.
- MR. HUFTALEN: Thank you.
- 16 MR. LANGE: Your Honor, I assume you have not
- 17 changed your mind at this point with regard to a
- 18 justification instruction.
- 19 THE COURT: I have an open mind on the issue.
- 20 I think it's a tough hill to climb with the defendants.
- 21 I'm convincible. But I have to be blunt with you, it
- 22 seems difficult under the circumstances, though please
- 23 understand that -- file whatever you want and try to
- 24 persuade me however you wish. It's a difficult issue
- 25 under the best of circumstances, for instance, the Lahey

1 case, very difficult here under these circumstances.

- 2 But I'm convincible.
- 3 MR. LANGE: Thank you.
- 4 MR. HUFTALEN: Mr. Iacopino, you can keep that
- 5 copy of the blogs that are referred to, and I will get
- 6 copies for Mr. Lange.
- 7 THE COURT: First thing we're going to do is
- 8 I'm going to talk to the jury and ask about these names.
- 9 If someone knows them I will call them over to side bar
- 10 and see where we go. If no one does, then we'll move
- 11 along. Have your client not on the stand.
- MR. IACOPINO: Okay.
- 13 THE COURT: Have him next to you because it
- 14 may be necessary for us to talk to a juror at side bar.
- 15 Anything else, counsel?
- MR. HUFTALEN: No.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. See you in court.
- 18 BEFORE THE COURT
- MR. HUFTALEN: One matter, your Honor.
- 20 Yesterday I read into the record a stipulation to
- 21 Government's Exhibit 46, and you instructed me to read
- 22 it to the jury when we came back and I didn't.
- THE COURT: All right. We'll do it right now.
- 24 First I'm going to take care of the witness issues and
- 25 then you can read it in front of the jury. Bring in the

1 jury, please. 2. THE CLERK: Yes, your Honor. 3 BEFORE THE JURY 4 THE COURT: Members of the jury, good morning. 5 Thank you for being so prompt this morning. You 6 remember that during the jury selection process I read a 7 list of possible witnesses to find out if anybody knew 8 anyone. I have two more names as possible witnesses. I 9 don't know if they will be or not obviously. If 10 anybody -- does anybody know, have any personal relationship, relative of, etc., of Christine Arvizu of 11 White River Junction, Vermont? Just raise your hand if 12 13 the answer is yes. 14 All right. There's no one raising their hand. 15 Number two, Sean Farnsworth of Rumney, New Hampshire. No one raised their hand. All right. Thank you very 16 17 much, members of the jury. And Mr. Huftalen. 18 19 MR. HUFTALEN: Thank you, your Honor. The 20 government and counsel for the defendants and the 21 defendants through them have reached a stipulation which 22 I'd like to read into the record at this time.

THE COURT: You may. Ladies and gentlemen,

you remember I told you at the beginning during my

preliminary instructions that sometimes the two sides or

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1 the three sides will agree on something; so it's not

- 2 necessary to present a witness. This is such a
- 3 stipulation. Go ahead.
- 4 MR. HUFTALEN: Thank you, your Honor. It's
- 5 marked as Government Exhibit 46 and it's captioned in
- 6 this case and reads as follows: Stipulation, the
- 7 government and both defendants, Edward Brown and Elaine
- 8 Brown through respective undersigned counsel, stipulate
- 9 that Government Exhibits 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g, 8h, 8i,
- 10 8j, 8k, 8L, 8m, 8n, 8o, 8p, 8q, 8r, 8s, 8t, 8u, 8v, 8w,
- 11 9a, 9b-1, 9b-2, 9b-3, 9c-1 through 9c-10, 9c-11, 9c-12,
- 12 9d, 9e-1 through 9e-7, 9f-1 and 11j all contain
- 13 gunpowder. And then there are signatures of counsel.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen
- 15 of the jury, you can accept that evidence as true, give
- 16 it whatever weight you believe that it deserves.
- 17 Anything else with regard to that stipulation, counsel?
- 18 I hear nothing.
- MR. HUFTALEN: Nothing.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. Brown, you
- 21 may take the stand. Please be seated. You are still
- 22 under oath. You may proceed.
- MR. HUFTALEN: Thank you.
- 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION (cont'd)
- 25 BY MR. HUFTALEN:

- 1 MR. HUFTALEN: Mr. Brown, good morning.
- Q. Mr. Brown, during Mr. Lange's opening
- 3 statement when you were in the courtroom, you heard him
- 4 say that your wife returned to you after having spent
- 5 some time away from the home in January and February of
- 6 2007. Is that true?
- 7 A. She returned to me; that's correct.
- 8 Q. And before returning to you, she had been
- 9 living in Massachusetts. Is that what you understood?
- 10 A. Yes, yes.
- 11 Q. Mr. Lange described her as a -- I believe one
- 12 of the words he used was a devoted wife. Would you
- 13 agree with that characterization?
- 14 A. Absolutely. We have been together 24 years.
- 15 Q. You consider your relationship with your wife
- 16 to be an important and sincere relationship?
- 17 A. There is nothing more important to me in the
- 18 world than my wife except God.
- 19 Q. And would it be fair to say that over the
- 20 years you've come to share beliefs?
- 21 A. We're on the same path in life.
- 22 Q. And with respect to some of the beliefs that
- 23 you articulated yesterday concerning fear of the
- 24 government, does she share those with you?
- 25 A. Sir, I am the government in this country. I

- don't fear myself. I fear the criminal element in
- 2 government. The public service changed the direction of

- 3 their endeavors in terms of how they represent us.
- 4 Q. Mr. Brown, while you and your wife were at
- 5 your home between February of 2007 and October of 2007
- 6 you made a number of statements through the media. Is
- 7 that right?

- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And oftentimes you made statements through
- 10 radio shows, be they local broadcasts or Internet radio.
- 11 Is that also true?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And is it also true that on many occasions you
- 14 and your wife were together speaking, each of you,
- 15 during those radio broadcasts?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. In particular are you familiar with the
- 18 Republic Broadcast Network?
- 19 A. I'm familiar with it.
- Q. Known commonly as RBN?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. RBN, or the Republic Broadcast Network,
- 23 carried on almost a daily radio show called Ed Brown
- 24 Under Siege; is that right?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. And you oftentimes called in and spoke with a
- 2 host and with callers on that show; did you not?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And on a number of occasions did your wife
- 5 participate in those conversations with you?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Would it be fair to characterize those
- 8 comments by you as comments to your supporters?
- 9 A. No. To the world, sir.
- 10 Q. To the world. Okay. Was the purpose in those
- 11 statements by you to let the world know who you were and
- 12 what you were doing?
- 13 A. No. The statements were to warn the world of
- 14 the danger that they are in, the same as John F. Kennedy
- 15 did prior to his assassination.
- 16 Q. And with particularity, were you warning the
- 17 world of the dangers --
- 18 MR. IACOPINO: Objection, your Honor. May we
- 19 approach?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 21 AT SIDE BAR
- THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 23 MR. IACOPINO: Your Honor, I object. This is
- 24 well beyond the scope of direct examination. It's an
- 25 area in which I was actually prohibited from addressing

- 1 this particular witness on direct examination by the
- 2 Court, and it's political statements that are irrelevant
- 3 to the issues before the Court. On that basis, your
- 4 Honor, I don't think he should be permitted this line of
- 5 cross-examination.
- 6 I would also point out that although I respect
- 7 Mr. Huftalen, I think that this line of
- 8 cross-examination could be perceived to be an effort to
- 9 agitate this defendant in his behavior on the witness
- 10 stand.
- 11 THE COURT: I don't think your client is being
- 12 agitated at all. I think he's much calmer than he was
- 13 yesterday. And number two, I think these are
- 14 preliminary questions; so Mr. Huftalen is trying to set
- 15 a foundation for later questions and I'm going to deny
- 16 it.
- MR. HUFTALEN: Yes. Thank you.
- 18 IN OPEN COURT
- 19 Q. Mr. Brown, let me ask you that question in a
- 20 different way. Would it be fair to say that your
- 21 comments on RBN on the Ed Brown Under Siege radio show
- 22 during the time frame between February '07 and October
- 23 '07 were designed by you in particularity to warn the
- 24 world, as you say, of the dangers specifically
- 25 identified in your particular situation?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Did you speak about your particular situation,

- 3 and by that I mean the fact that you were at your home
- 4 and that the Marshal Service was making attempts to
- 5 arrest you.
- 6 A. Well, of course they weren't there to arrest
- 7 me. They were attempting to create a scenario of arrest
- 8 and allusion that we were the bad guys. That's all they
- 9 were doing. They had to do it that way. That's why
- 10 they didn't try to speak to us a few weeks earlier in a
- 11 public manner.
- 12 Q. Mr. Brown, do you remember speaking on that
- 13 show on March 20th, 2007, with your wife by your side
- 14 speaking as well about the position you had taken?
- 15 A. How could I know? I don't remember any
- 16 particular date. I don't remember most of the
- 17 conversations we've had or things I've even said over
- 18 the year.
- 19 Q. Let me ask you with particularity, do you
- 20 recall on March 20, 2007, in response to statements by
- 21 you that people had to make a stand, your wife said, and
- 22 I quote, you've got to defend with all the force you
- 23 need to defend with. Do you recall words to that
- 24 effect?
- 25 A. No. But I maintain on the stand absolutely

the position that all Americans have had to take from

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- 2 its inception, this country since its inception against
- 3 the same people, and it's happening again now with the
- 4 same people by the way.

- 5 Q. Let me ask you if you recall immediately
- 6 thereafter those statements by she that you said: And
- 7 how far and much force will you need to do if necessary
- 8 under the law? Do you remember saying that?
- 9 A. No. But whatever the law dictates. I would
- 10 have probably stated something that the law had said or
- 11 one of our forefathers had said more than likely.
- 12 Q. And do you remember in response to your
- 13 question Mrs. Brown saying on March 20th, '07, "To the
- 14 death." Do you recall her using those words?
- 15 A. Sir, I don't recall words that were used from
- 16 my wife this morning barely. No. She may have said
- 17 that. I don't know. If it's recorded, you would know
- 18 that already, and if that's the case, that's the case.
- 19 I don't remember personally, no.
- 20 Q. And do you recall whether or not in response
- 21 to that you said, "To the death. Do you hear it, ladies
- 22 and gentlemen?"
- 23 A. Oh, sir, again, I repeat to you. This country
- 24 was founded to take that kind of position. We live in a
- 25 live free or die state. Do you understand what that

- 1 means, sir?
- Q. Mr. Brown, about a minute and a half or a
- 3 minute and 40 seconds later, do you recall your wife
- 4 saying, "We don't know how this will end, but there's
- 5 only two ways we're coming out of here, as a free man
- 6 and a free woman or in body bags." Do you recall her
- 7 saying that?
- 8 MR. IACOPINO: Objection, hearsay.
- 9 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 10 A. I'm sorry, I don't remember her saying that.
- 11 If I clearly remembered, I would tell you that. I don't
- 12 remember her saying that.
- 13 Q. Do you remember her using that phrase numerous
- 14 times in many public statements thereafter?
- 15 A. She may have even heard me use that statement,
- 16 you know, if that's the case. The federal government
- 17 has used it several times and that's probably why you
- 18 originally had picked it up.
- 19 THE COURT: The jury will disregard the last
- 20 part.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Of course.
- THE COURT: Mr. Brown, don't start.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Of course. You asked me --
- 24 THE COURT: Mr. Brown --
- 25 THE WITNESS: -- to speak the whole truth,

- 1 sir. I will speak the whole truth and nothing but the
- 2 truth so help me God. If you try to delay me, sir,
- 3 we'll have this confrontation.
- 4 THE COURT: Mr. Brown, you have to obey the
- 5 rules of the court.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Sir, there are no rules except
- 7 the ones that you make, sir, for your own personal
- 8 enrichment. That's a fact of record. Would you like to
- 9 have me bring that record forward, sir, to show the
- 10 jury? I will be glad to do so.
- 11 THE COURT: Jury's excused.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 13 (Jury left courtroom.)
- 14 BEFORE THE COURT
- 15 THE COURT: Mr. Brown, you can go back to your
- 16 counsel. Be seated. I'll hear from the government with
- 17 regard to possible sanctions.
- 18 MR. HUFTALEN: Your Honor, although there are
- 19 a number of other questions I'd like to ask Mr. Brown, I
- 20 believe I've had a fair and full opportunity to
- 21 cross-examine him and I will ask no further questions at
- 22 this point, and I would request that his, both direct
- 23 and cross, not be stricken from the record. With
- 24 respect to his continuing misbehavior, I respectfully
- 25 request that if he continues to interrupt the

18 1 proceedings, that he be removed from the courtroom. 2. THE COURT: Mr. Iacopino, your position? 3 MR. IACOPINO: Your Honor, we certainly oppose 4 any decision by the Court to strike Mr. Brown's direct 5 testimony, and in doing so I would rely on United States versus Bartelho, 129 Fed. 3d, 663, which in summary 6 7 states that if defendant's behavior interferes with the 8 cross-examination and prohibits the government from 9 getting a fair cross-examination, then the appropriate 10 remedy might be to strike his direct testimony -- strike 11 all of his testimony. However, your Honor, I don't think that that's 12 been the case here. The government's made a 13 14 representation to you they believe they have had a full 15 and fair opportunity to cross-examine the defendant, and 16 I would point out for the record that the defendant's 17 comments that are causing difficulty here are not in terms of providing information in the questions. They 18 19 are in nature of the defendant's remarks towards the 20 Court. And I don't think that these cases address that, 21 and I don't think that an appropriate remedy for a contemptuous remark to the judge is in fact the striking 22 of the testimony. I think that's where you are 23 24 required, your Honor, to balance the defendant's Sixth

Amendment right to a trial and to a fair trial and to

2 might impose on a condemnor in your court. I think the

his right to testify against what other sanctions you

- 3 appropriate way to deal with any sanctions for contempt,
- 4 your Honor, would be in a separate hearing at the
- 5 conclusion of these proceedings and not during the
- 6 course of these proceedings. And that would be our
- 7 response to you.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Lange, do you have
- 9 a position?

- 10 MR. LANGE: Yes, your Honor. I would ask that
- 11 his testimony not be stricken.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. I'm not going to
- 13 strike his testimony at this point. Mr. Brown has in
- 14 the way he's answering the questions, refusing to answer
- 15 the questions directly, and is deliberately refusing to
- 16 obey the rules of court. I'm warning Mr. Brown that if
- 17 he continues his disruptive behavior, he will be removed
- 18 from the courtroom, just so he's aware of what happens.
- 19 That will happen even though he's in the midst of being
- 20 examined. He can return to the courtroom if he promises
- 21 to obey the court rules. Are we ready for the jury?
- MR. HUFTALEN: Government's ready.
- MR. IACOPINO: Yes, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Bring in the jury.
- 25 BEFORE THE JURY

- 1 THE COURT: Mr. Brown, you may resume the
- 2 stand.
- MR. HUFTALEN: No further questions, your
- 4 Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Lange?
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. LANGE:
- 8 MR. LANGE: Good morning, sir.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Good morning, sir.
- 10 MR. LANGE: I just have a couple points I want
- 11 to clarify.
- 12 Q. First of all with regard to the Tannerite
- 13 that's been discussed during the course of this trial,
- 14 what part, if any, did Elaine play with regard to
- 15 anything involving the Tannerite?
- 16 A. Nothing.
- 17 Q. With regard to the Goex cans or the various
- 18 other cans of black powder, some of which were described
- 19 as having a fuse in the top and some of which were
- 20 described as having nails taped around them, what part,
- 21 if any, did Elaine have with regard to any of those
- 22 items?
- 23 A. Nothing.
- Q. There was a basket of -- looked like plumbing
- 25 parts, items had been assembled that several of the ATF

- 21
- 1 witnesses testified about. Do you remember where that
- 2 basket was? There was a basket -- do you remember or
- 3 you don't? It was a basket. I don't remember if these
- 4 were the pipes with the cotter pin --
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. -- or if they were the pipes with the hole in
- 7 the middle. Do you remember the basket?
- 8 A. My wife had nothing to do with any of that --
- 9 those devices, nothing.
- 10 Q. So that's true with regard to what's been
- 11 described as the pipe bombs?
- 12 A. That's what they called them, yes.
- 13 Q. That's true with what has been described as
- 14 the zip guns or booby traps?
- 15 A. They were neither zip guns nor booby traps.
- 16 They were merely sound signaling devices. And they
- 17 didn't work anyway. That's why I put them back in the
- 18 house.
- 19 Q. Earlier in the trial there was a photograph of
- 20 a portion of a tree trunk in your yard, and there was a
- 21 wire going out and there was some debris around the
- 22 wire. What was that?
- 23 A. Correct. That was a test with one of the
- 24 sound devices to see if they would work. We found --
- 25 they found the one shell. I noticed it was the one --

- 1 we finally forced it to make it work, but they were no
- 2 good. The springs weren't strong enough to make them
- 3 work; so we got rid of them.
- Q. What part, if any, did Elaine have with regard
- 5 to those items?
- 6 A. Nothing.
- 7 MR. LANGE: Those are my questions.
- 8 A. Wasn't even present.
- 9 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Lange. Mr.
- 10 Iacopino, redirect.
- 11 MR. IACOPINO: Thank you, your Honor. Your
- 12 Honor, may I just approach the witness with Exhibit 5p
- 13 which was introduced during cross-examination?
- 14 THE COURT: Of course.
- MR. IACOPINO: I'm sorry, your Honor. I
- 16 should have grabbed it before.
- 17 THE COURT: Take your time.
- 18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. IACOPINO:
- Q. Mr. Brown, I'm going to show you what was
- 21 marked during your cross-examination as Exhibit 5p,
- 22 okay? And the exhibit that was presented to you by the
- 23 government has one, two, three, four pages. Would you
- 24 just take a quick look at those four pages, and tell me
- 25 if pages three and four are simply another list of the

- 1 same guns that are contained on page one and two?
- 2 A. That's correct; they are just redundancies.
- 3 Those pages are the same as page one. Page four is the

- 4 same as page one.
- 5 Q. So anybody who reviews this exhibit should
- 6 understand that if -- they can't just count all the way
- 7 through the four pages and determine a number of weapons
- 8 from that.
- 9 A. Oh, of course not. That's how the U.S.
- 10 Attorney's Office operates.
- 11 Q. Mr. Brown, towards the end of your testimony
- 12 you were asked by Mr. Huftalen about comments that
- 13 you've made on various public radio shows. Do you
- 14 recall that series of questions?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. And you told him that you did in fact make
- 17 such comments; correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. In fact on WFRB radio in an interview with a
- 20 gentleman by the name of Chris Fazio did you not tell
- 21 the public that shots were fired by the government on
- 22 June 7th and that changed the whole complexion of the
- 23 situation?
- MR. HUFTALEN: Objection.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 THE COURT: Just a second.
- 2 MR. HUFTALEN: Objection.
- 3 THE COURT: Basis?
- 4 MR. HUFTALEN: Hearsay.
- 5 MR. IACOPINO: Government's opened the door.
- 6 THE COURT: You're allowed.
- 7 Q. Did you tell the public that? That on
- 8 June 7th shots were fired by the government and that
- 9 changed the whole complexion of the situation?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. Did you also make a statement to the public on
- 12 the radio that the police had decided that they were
- 13 going to kill Ed and Elaine for a few bucks even though
- 14 Ed indicated that he would pay if the government would
- 15 show him the law that required him to pay it?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 MR. HUFTALEN: Objection.
- 18 THE COURT: Just a second. Objection is
- 19 sustained. Jury will disregard his answer.
- 20 Q. Did you tell the public in a radio interview
- 21 of Mr. Fazio that there was no crisis situation at the
- 22 Brown residence prior to June 7th, but that the
- 23 government was trying to incite the crisis situation by
- 24 its actions on June 7th, but it didn't work and it
- 25 wouldn't work?

- 1 A. That's right.
- 2 MR. HUFTALEN: Objection, hearsay, move to
- 3 strike.
- 4 THE COURT: Sustained. The jury will
- 5 disregard.
- 6 MR. IACOPINO: Your Honor, may I approach on
- 7 this?
- 8 THE COURT: No. Move on.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Good job.
- 10 THE COURT: Hold it. Mr. Brown, out of the
- 11 courtroom. Take him out.
- THE WITNESS: You'd do well for a prosecutor,
- 13 Judge. You'd do well.
- 14 THE COURT: The jury.
- 15 (Jury left courtroom.)
- 16 BEFORE THE COURT
- 17 THE COURT: The record will reflect that after
- 18 I sustained the last objection, Mr. Brown talked to the
- 19 Court, smirked, and muttered "good job" to the Court.
- 20 This is one of multiple times Mr. Brown has been
- 21 contemptuous, and I've warned him. He is to remain out
- 22 of the court until he can behave himself. We're going
- 23 to take a five-minute recess. Mr. Iacopino, talk to
- 24 your client. Tell him he's free to reenter the court
- 25 when he's able to behave, follow the court orders, and

26 1 not be contemptuous to the Court. We'll take a 2. five-minute recess. 3 (Brief recess taken.) 4 BEFORE THE COURT 5 THE COURT: Mr. Iacopino, your client I see is 6 not present. 7 MR. IACOPINO: No, he's not, your Honor, but 8 that's only because I -- when the court staff asked me, I said I'd rather address you. I have spoken to my 9 10 client. The last thing that he indicated to me before I 11 left was that he would try to follow your instructions, and so I didn't know if that was going to satisfy the 12 Court or not; so that's why I came out to report that to 13 14 the Court. 15 THE COURT: Mr. Lange, do you have a position? 16 MR. LANGE: No, your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Government? MR. HUFTALEN: If he behaves himself, I think 18 19 he should be in the courtroom. THE COURT: Bring Mr. Brown in, put him back 20 on the stand, please. We'll give it one more try. 21

(Mr. Brown resumed the stand.)

THE COURT: Ready for the jury?

THE COURT: Bring in the jury, please.

MR. HUFTALEN: Yes.

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1 BEFORE THE JURY 2. THE COURT: Mr. Iacopino? 3 MR. IACOPINO: Thank you, your Honor. 4 Q. BY MR. IACOPINO: Mr. Brown, did you give an 5 interview on June 8, 2007, to Republic Broadcasting 6 Network? 7 MR. HUFTALEN: Objection. May we approach? 8 THE COURT: Yes. 9 AT SIDE BAR 10 MR. HUFTALEN: I object to the continuing line 11 of questions that Mr. Iacopino knows are going to draw hearsay objections and I believe may be designed to make 12 13 the government look like the obstructionist in this 14 trial. To the extent he's eliciting hearsay statements 15 which are statements made by Mr. Brown, they are 16 self-serving, they are hearsay, and I don't believe 17 there's any legitimate hearsay exception upon which a basis of admissibility could be made. 18 19 THE COURT: What's the expected response? 20 MR. IACOPINO: Your Honor, the expected 21 response is on that date he did give such a statement 22 and that he specifically told people not to come to New 23 Hampshire and that he did not want people coming up to 24 the residence. This is a day after Danny Riley was 25 tasered at the home, and I believe that the government

- 1 in their cross-examination has opened the door to every
- 2 public statement that my client's made because they have
- 3 picked and they have chosen amongst many to put in front
- 4 of this jury, and we have the right to show that my
- 5 client was not out there continuously making these
- 6 public statements that he's left the jury with the
- 7 impression that they have made.
- 8 And they started this with the indictment,
- 9 your Honor. The indictment contained a number of overt
- 10 acts that asserted that various people were making
- 11 public statements. Now, I understand that those have
- 12 been removed from the indictment at this point on my
- 13 motion, but the fact is that this is an issue that was
- 14 created by the government, and we have the right to make
- 15 sure that this jury understands that my client was not
- 16 out there continuously trying to rile people up or to
- 17 come up to New Hampshire or to cause violence or
- 18 trouble.
- 19 MR. LANGE: I join.
- 20 THE COURT: I'm not clear what exception to
- 21 the hearsay rule you are asserting here, either one of
- 22 you, Mr. Lange or Mr. Iacopino.
- MR. LANGE: Yes, your Honor. It's the
- 24 doctrine of rule of completeness, once the government
- opened the door by bringing in the defendant's

1 statements. 2. THE COURT: That's Rule --3 MR. LANGE: 104? 4 THE COURT: It's 106, remainder of writings or 5 recorded statements. Is that the one you are talking 6 about? 7 MR. LANGE: Yes, your Honor. 8 THE COURT: Is this part of a statement that 9 the government referred to or a separate statement? 10 MR. IACOPINO: We don't know because the 11 defendant when he was questioned by the government didn't know what dates he made various particular 12 13 statements, but the impression that's been left with 14 this jury, your Honor, from the cross-examination is 15 that my client had made -- was making such statements. 16 It also leaves the impression that my client acted 17 willfully, bringing a state of mind into state here, your Honor, and I would respectfully submit that under 18 these circumstances, under both 803(3) and under the 19 20 catch-all provision, this is appropriate evidence to be 21 presented through his direct examination. 22 THE COURT: As far as the catch-all provision, 23 I see no indicia of reliability on that statement at 24 all. As far as Rule 106, if you can lay a foundation 25 that it was part of another statement, I will deal with

- 1 it. Do you have another rule that you want to refer to?
- 2 MR. IACOPINO: Not at this point, your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: All right. That's out then.
- 4 IN OPEN COURT
- 5 Q. BY MR. IACOPINO: Mr. Brown, I'm going to
- 6 change tracks for a moment, okay? During your
- 7 cross-examination you were asked about the fact that at
- 8 some of the jamborees and the barbecue that was had at
- 9 your home, children were present. Do you recall that
- 10 series of questions by Mr. Huftalen?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. At any point in time when visitors came on
- 13 your property, were there ever booby traps set out?
- 14 A. No. That's in itself -- of course not.
- Q. Were there ever any kind of explosives
- 16 available to anybody?
- 17 A. No, sir.
- 18 Q. Were guns left around for children to find?
- 19 A. No, sir.
- Q. Was your property made safe for any children
- 21 and families that may come up?
- 22 A. That's correct, sir.
- Q. He also asked you about those jamborees and
- 24 about aircraft.
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. And at the second jamboree did aircraft come
- 2 over your home?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Please explain to the jury what type of
- 5 aircraft and the conduct of that aircraft.
- 6 A. It was a helicopter with two or three
- 7 personnel inside of it. You could see them clearly
- 8 because they were just at treetop level. They came in
- 9 at approximately -- I believe it was around one o'clock,
- 10 around there sometime, and they stayed for eight hours
- 11 and hovered and circled and circled and hovered just
- 12 above the tops of the trees. We were concerned many
- 13 times throughout the day that if anything should happen,
- 14 if it crashes with the crowd that was down below. We
- 15 asked them to retire. They refused. We called the
- 16 Lebanon Airport. The same thing. They said that they
- 17 could not --
- 18 THE COURT: That's it. Stop. You are moving
- 19 into hearsay. Move on, next question.
- Q. Is it fair to say that the aircraft bothered
- 21 you enough you tried to take action to stop it?
- A. Excuse me?
- 23 Q. Is it fair to say that the aircraft was
- 24 bothersome enough that you tried to take action to stop
- 25 it by calling somebody with authority?

- 1 A. That's correct. They were like right here,
- 2 absolutely.
- 3 Q. Thank you. On June 7th, 2007, how did you
- 4 learn about the presence of armored cars and things of
- 5 that nature in the area of your home?
- 6 A. After a distress fire as I testified earlier
- 7 standing out in front, within about three or four
- 8 minutes or so, a cellphone rang. I picked it up. The
- 9 caller simply said there was APC, armored personnel
- 10 carrier, heading south on 12A toward our home with three
- 11 state troopers in cruisers in the front and three state
- 12 troopers in the back, and they said they had seen one
- 13 earlier, probably about an hour prior to that, the same
- 14 kind of situation.
- 15 Q. How did that make you feel?
- 16 A. I panicked almost. I decided they're coming
- 17 now.
- 18 Q. What did you think the armored personnel
- 19 carrier and the various state trooper vehicles -- what
- 20 did you think their purpose was?
- 21 A. I know what their purpose was. Their purpose
- 22 is to assault. That's what they do. That's the only
- 23 reason they'd be in the area is to assault.
- Q. Assault who?
- 25 A. Me. Who else? I was already in speculation

- 1 after what's already happened prior with the helicopter
- 2 circling over and everything else. I knew. It was
- 3 building, constantly building. U.S. Attorney's Office
- 4 kept building them up.
- 5 THE COURT: All right. Ask another question.
- 6 Q. Why did you pick up that 50-caliber on
- 7 June 7th?
- 8 A. Defense.
- 9 THE COURT: Ask another question.
- 10 O. Defense of what?
- 11 A. Defense of my life and property, my wife.
- 12 Q. After June 7, 2007, did you want people to
- 13 come up to your property?
- 14 A. Not like they were before, no.
- 15 MR. IACOPINO: Thank you. I have no further
- 16 questions.
- 17 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Iacopino.
- 18 Government, questions?
- 19 MR. HUFTALEN: Very, very briefly, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 21 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. HUFTALEN:
- Q. The last question Mr. Iacopino asked you, I
- 24 think he said after June 7th you didn't want people to
- 25 come to your property. Is that right?

- 1 A. Not as much, sir.
- Q. But it was after June 7th that you had the
- 3 jamboree and the barbecue and the parties; is that
- 4 right?
- 5 A. That's correct. I didn't set any of that up.
- 6 They came on their own, sir. After June 7th I was
- 7 discouraging it. They came in anyway from all over the
- 8 country.
- 9 Q. Okay. So the jamboree that was on your
- 10 property you didn't want to happen. It was other people
- 11 that came and did it?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- Q. And the barbecue in July, you didn't want that
- 14 to happen. It was the other people who made you do
- 15 that?
- 16 A. No, I didn't. That's correct.
- 17 MR. HUFTALEN: Okay. Thank you. Nothing
- 18 further.
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Lange, questions?
- MR. LANGE: No, thank you.
- THE COURT: Mr. Iacopino?
- MR. IACOPINO: Nothing further, your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Brown. You may
- 24 step down.
- 25 (End of excerpt.)

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